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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS CUSTOMS TRAINING

REF : A) SURVEY REPORT, URUGUAYAN CUSTOMS NARCOTICS
INTERDICTION CAPABILITIES, B) MONTEVIDEO 00894,
C) MONTEVIDEO 1518

1. REGARDLESS OF FINAL OUTCOME OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION,
IT WOULD APPEAR THAT URUGUAYAN CUSTOMS WOULD HAVE A ROLE
TO PLAY IN GOU NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORTS AND THAT SOME
LIMITED TRAINING ASSISTANCE TO URUGUAYAN CUSTOMS MIGHT BE
USEFUL. IF TIMING IS APPROPRIATE, US CUSTOMS IS PREPARED
TO CONDUCT IN- COUNTRY TRAINING DURING PERIOD JULY 23- AUGUST
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2. COURSE CONSISTS OF TWO WEEK BASIC INSPECTION AND CONTROL ENFOR(EMENT SUBJECTS WITH NARCOTICS ORIENTATION. COURSE IS GIVEN BY A FOUR- MAN TEAM OF U. S. CUSTOMS OFFICERS TO CLASSES NOT TO EXCEED 25 STUDENTS. IF DEMAND WARRANTS, TWO CONSECUTIVE CLASSES CAN BE SCHEDULED (I. E., ONE CLASS OF 25 TO BE FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY ANOTHER CLASS OF 25).

3. THERE IS NO COST TO HOST GOVERNMENT FOR THE COURSE; HOWEVER, EXPENSES, IF ANY, RELATING TO TRAVEL OR PER DIEM OF THE STUDENTS IS RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT.

THAT IS, ONCE A CLASS OF 25 IS ASSEMBLED, USG WILL FURNISH INSTRUCTION FREE OF ANY COST.

4. FYI SIMILAR COURSES HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED THUS FAR IN LATIN AMERICA IN PANAMA, VENEZUELA, CHILE, ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL. ECUADOR AND PERU ARE ALSO E\$ N SCHEDULED FOR 1 ST QUARTER FY 74.

5. IF THIS PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE, A U. S. CUSTOMS OFFICER WILL VISIT MONTEVIDEO BRIEFLY SOMETIME IN JUNE TO DISCUSS AND ARRANGE NECESSARY DETAILS.

6. RE RECOMMENDATION B, P. 15, REFERENCE A, DOES EMBASSY OF URUGUAYAN CUSTOMS TO U. S.? IF SO, INVITATION BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS WILL BE FORWARDED TO EMBASSY. RUSH

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